

# TOWN OF ROCKLAND

## ARTICLES IN WARRANT AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**2007 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 7, 2007  
7:00 P.M.**

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**2007 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 7, 2007  
7:30 P.M.**

**AT THE  
ROCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL  
*Please bring this booklet  
to Town Meeting***



## **RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE MEETING**

**EVERY VOTER** desiring to speak shall arise and address the Chair, after recognition is obtained, state his name and address and stand while speaking, using the microphone in the front, unless otherwise directed. No motion made by anyone will be in order unless this procedure is followed.

**ANY VOTER** has the right to speak for or against any Article. A **NON-VOTER** may speak as long as they have the permission of the Moderator. After you speak on an Article, return to your seat. If you have a question on any Article before the house, address the Chair and I will direct the question to the proper person for an answer.

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE** recommendation is the first and main motion under each Article and under each Budget. Any attempt by a Department Head or anyone to move another figure would be an amendment to the main motion.

A motion to pass the Article over is the same as defeating the Article.

**IF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE DISAPPROVES AN ARTICLE** it is an automatic motion to **PASS THE ARTICLE OVER** and that will be the first action on the Article.

After the Finance Committee reports on an Article, if they so desire, and the Article is referred to a certain **BOARD, COMMITTEE, or DEPARTMENT HEAD, IT WILL BE THE RULE** that they will be recognized first for their report. **IF I FORGET, REMIND ME.**

**A UNANIMOUS VOTE IS BEST AND SAVES TIME.** If I do not see or hear any objection I will declare it, **“A UNANIMOUS VOTE”**.

If an Article requires a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> or 4/5<sup>th</sup> vote and it is not **UNANIMOUS**, IT IS THE Moderator's responsibility to see that a vote is taken.

**IF A HAND VOTE** is immediately questioned by seven (7) or more voters who stand to question the **VOTE**; it will be counted by the Tellers.

### **ARTICLE III SECTION 10 OF THE TOWN BY-LAWS STATES:**

**NO VOTE SHALL BE CONSIDERED** except after the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the voters present and voting on a motion to reconsider such vote. Any voter may move to reconsider except that no motion to reconsider shall be made by any adjourned session of the same meeting unless he has given notice of his intention to move reconsideration at the session of the meeting at which the vote was passed. A vote shall not be reconsidered a second time or after a motion to reconsider has failed to pass.

### **TOWN BY-LAW ARTICLE II**

**SECTION 4.** All reports, motions, and resolutions submitted for the consideration of the meeting involving the expenditure of money shall be in writing and other reports, motions or resolutions shall be reduced to writing if the Moderator so directs.

### **TOWN CHARTER**

**SECTION 3.06.** All action taken at any and all Town Meetings shall be only upon those items contained in the Warrant for said Town Meeting and all articles in the Warrant shall be acted upon in order unless otherwise voted at any such Town Meeting, and printed copies of each such Warrant, with the recommendations of the Finance Committee is hereinafter set forth, shall be furnished to the voters of the Town in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.02 (a) (iv) Article II of this Charter.

Paul L. Cusick Jr.  
Town Moderator

## **MUNICIPAL FINANCE TERMINOLOGY**

The following terms are frequently used in the Annual Town Warrant and at Town Meetings. In order to provide everyone with a better understanding of the meaning, the following definitions are provided.

### **SURPLUS REVENUE: (often referred to as “Excess and Deficiency”)**

This fund represents the amount by which the Cash, Accounts Receivable and other floating assets exceed the liabilities and reserve. This is a bookkeeping item.

### **AVAILABLE FUND: (often referred to as “Free Cash”)**

Available Funds is the amount certified annually by the State Bureau of Accounts by deducting from surplus revenue all uncollected taxes for prior years. This fund may be used by a vote for the Town Meeting.

### **OVERLAY:**

The overlay is the amount raised by the Assessors in excess of appropriations and other charges for the purpose of creating a fund to cover abatements granted and avoiding fractions.

### **OVERLAY RESERVE:**

This is the accumulated amount of the Overlay for various years not used or required to be held in the specific Overlay Account for a given year and may be used by a vote of the Town for extraordinary or unforeseen purposes or voted into the Reserve Fund.

### **RESERVE FUND:**

This fund is established by the votes at an Annual Town Meeting only and may be composed of (a) an appropriation (not exceeding 5% of the tax levy of the preceding year), (b) money transferred from Overlay Reserve, or (c) both.

### **STABILIZATION FUND:**

This is a fund created to provide a reserve for capital expenditure. Appropriations from the Stabilization funds may be made at an Annual Town Meeting by a two-thirds vote for any purpose the Town is authorized to borrow money under Section 7 or 8 of Chapter 44 or for such other purpose as is approved by the Emergency Finance Board.

### **CHERRY SHEET:**

Named for the cherry colored paper on which the Massachusetts Commission of Corporations and Taxation traditionally has printed it. The cherry sheet carries the figures that must be used by the Assessors in determining the amount to be raised by taxation.

It lists the amounts of county tax and state assessments, as well as the established tax distributions from the General Fund, reimbursements, agency funds and the Sales and Use Taxes.

# **SPECIAL/ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**MAY 7, 2007**

## **LIST OF ARTICLES**

| <b>Article</b>                     |                           |                                                            |             |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>#</b>                           | <b>Department</b>         | <b>Subject</b>                                             | <b>Cost</b> |
| <b><i>Special Town Meeting</i></b> |                           |                                                            |             |
| #1                                 | Board of Selectmen        | Unpaid Bill – Bell Traffic                                 | 212.00      |
| #2                                 | Assessors                 | Transfer – Sick Leave Buyback                              | 17,645.00   |
| #3                                 | Council on Aging          | Sick Leave Buyback                                         | 8,924.58    |
| #4                                 | Assessors                 | Transfer for FY09 Cyclical Reinspection Program/Data       | 40,000.00   |
| #5                                 | School Department         | Offset expenses for emergency repairs to RMS               | 58,000.00   |
| #6                                 | Police Department         | Unpaid Bill – Cingular Wireless                            | 1,799.64    |
| #7                                 | Town Clerk                | Transfer to fund Administrative Assistant's Salary         | 6,048.00    |
| <b><i>Annual Town Meeting</i></b>  |                           |                                                            |             |
| #1                                 | Board of Selectmen        | Town Elections                                             | N/A         |
| #2                                 | Board of Selectmen        | Fix Salaries                                               | N/A         |
| #3                                 | Board of Selectmen        | Budgets                                                    | N/A         |
| #4                                 | Board of Selectmen        | Funding the Town's Operating budget                        | 675,000.00  |
| #5                                 | Youth Commission          | Re-establish revolving account                             | 160,000.00  |
| #6                                 | Petition                  | Womansplace Crisis Center                                  | 3,500.00    |
| #7                                 | Fire Department           | Re-establish revolving account – upgrade fire alarm system | 50,000.00   |
| #8                                 | Park Department           | Purchase a Topdresser for fields                           | 12,480.00   |
| #9                                 | Park Department           | Replace 1996 S10 truck                                     | 26,277.00   |
| #10                                | Park Department           | Replace fencing around stadium                             | 13,904.00   |
| #11                                | Petition                  | Superannuation                                             | N/A         |
| #12                                | Board of Health           | Establish revolving account – Recycling Center             | 75,000.00   |
| #13                                | Board of Health           | Authorize sealed bid for sale of property VFW/Pleasant     | N/A         |
| #14                                | Police Department         | Purchase motorcycle with trade-in                          | 10,000.00   |
| #15                                | Police Department         | Replace existing portable radios                           | 34,000.00   |
| #16                                | Police Department         | Purchase and equip two police cruisers                     | 62,000.00   |
| #17                                | Selectmen/Lib. Trustees   | Capital Exclusion for replacing lib. Roof (historic)       | 300,000.00  |
| #18                                | Selectmen/Lib. Trustees   | Borrow (bonds or notes) for replacing library roof         | 300,000.00  |
| #19                                | Board of Selectmen        | Monitoring of Beech Street Landfill                        | 25,000.00   |
| #20                                | Board of Selectmen        | Amend Town Charter to require balanced budget              | N/A         |
| #21                                | Town Clerk                | Establish revolving account to fund passport agent         | 15,000.00   |
| #22                                | Town Clerk                | Establish revolving account to replenish supplies          | 5,000.00    |
| #23                                | Town Clerk                | Lease/purchase six voting machines                         | 9,500.00    |
| #24                                | Town Clerk                | Update Town & Zoning maps                                  | 5,000.00    |
| #25                                | School Department         | Establish revolving account from bus transportation        | 100,000.00  |
| #26                                | M. Com. Center Bldg. Com. | Establish revolving account from building use              | 175,000.00  |
| #27                                | Petition                  | Amend zoning districts/Lot 16 Map 60                       | N/A         |
| #28                                | School Committee          | Establish School Building Capital Trust Fund               | N/A         |
| #29                                | Board of Selectmen        | Amend Town Charter/Rent Control Board                      | N/A         |
| #30                                | Police Department         | Amend By-Law/Automated Red Light Violations                | N/A         |
| #31                                | Police Department         | Establish Revolving Fund for Red Light Violations          | 75,000.00   |
| #32                                | Zoning Board of Appeals   | Amend definition in Section II of Zoning Bylaws            | N/A         |
| #33                                | Fire Department           | Sick Time Buy Back – retiring firefighter                  | 52,034.40   |
| #34                                | Board of Health           | Establish Enterprise Fund                                  | N/A         |
| #35                                | Petition                  | Amend Zoning Bylaws/I-1 Limited Industrial                 | N/A         |
| #36                                | Petition                  | Amend Zoning Bylaws/Section VII.N                          | N/A         |
| #37                                | Sewer Department          | Appropriate from Sewer Relief Fund for I&I Program         | 30,000.00   |
| #38                                | Sewer Department          | Take from Unrestricted Fund Balance for I&I Program        | 300,000.00  |

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|-----|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| #39 | Sewer Department   | Rescind vote under Article #64 from 2000 Town Meeting | 160,000.00 |
| #40 | Petition           | Amend Zoning Map – 1059 (Rear) Union Street           | N/A        |
| #41 | Petition           | Amend Zoning Map – 1119 Union Street                  | N/A        |
| #42 | Petition           | Authorize Selectmen to sell land Parcel 1 Map 3       | N/A        |
| #43 | Town Collector     | Establish scholarship fund on tax bills               | N/A        |
| #44 | Town Collector     | Establish elderly/disabled taxation fund on tax bills | N/A        |
| #45 | Petition           | Amend Zoning Lot 3 Map 55 & 60                        | N/A        |
| #46 | Board of Selectmen | Conservation Land Acquisition                         | N/A        |
| #47 | Board of Selectmen | Fund cost of manning for Fire Department              | 375,574.00 |
| #48 | Board of Selectmen | Add to Stabilization                                  | N/A        |

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF ROCKLAND  
WARRANT  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

To one of the constables in the Town of Rockland, County of Plymouth and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**Greetings:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the

**Marion Mansfield Donovan Auditorium  
Rockland High School  
52 MacKinlay Way**

in said Town on Monday, **May 7, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.**, then and there to act on the following articles

**ARTICLE #1**

Will the Town vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Two Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$212.00) to pay an unpaid bill from FY06 to Bell Traffic Signal Maintenance Company, Inc., for repair of the traffic signal at Highland and Market Streets or take any action relative thereto?

**EMERGENCY: This is a State owned light that was reported out of order by the Town directly to Bell Traffic; Mass Highway refused payment. The procedure has been changed for State owned traffic lights; they will now be reported to Mass Highway directly.**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Finance Committee Recommendations at Town Meeting**

**ARTICLE #2**

Will the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$17,645.00 from the Overlay Surplus for the purpose of providing Sick Leave Buyback for a retiring member of the RITE Union in accordance with the union contract?

**EMERGENCY: The employee has already retired and should be compensated right away.**

**ASSESSORS**

**Finance Committee Recommendations at Town Meeting**

**ARTICLE #3**

Will the Town vote to take from available funds the sum of Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Four Dollars (\$8,924.58) for fifty-four (54) sick days accumulated from an employee who has passed away.

**EMERGENCY: Due to the unexpected death of the employee funds were not planned for Sick Day Buy Back which must be paid in accordance with the Rockland Personnel By-Law Part VI paragraph (g).**

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

**Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

#### **ARTICLE #4**

Will the Town vote to transfer the sum or \$40,000.00 from the overlay surplus to the revaluation account for the purpose of continuing the FY 2009 Cyclical Reinspection Program and Data Conversion?

**EMERGENCY: Data Conversion Project already completed and vendor should be compensated for finished job.**

#### **ASSESSORS**

##### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

#### **ARTICLE #5**

Will the Town vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Fifty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$58,000.00) to supplement the School Department budget for fiscal year 2007 to offset expenses incurred for emergency repairs to the ceiling of the Rogers Middle School.

**EMERGENCY: These funds are necessary due to an unanticipated expenditure of \$108,000 for repairs to the Middle School ceiling that were required as a safety precaution.**

#### **SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

##### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

#### **ARTICLE #6**

Will the Town vote to transfer from available funds the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and Sixty Four Cents (\$1,799.64) for the purpose of paying an unpaid bill from the prior fiscal year to Cingular Wireless for providing wireless service to Police Department laptop computers.

**EMERGENCY: The contract and the amount of monthly service was contested for many months. Cingular has made many concessions and this request represents a reduced amount of money owed.**

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

##### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

#### **ARTICLE #7**

Will the Town vote to transfer from Town Meetings and Elections to the Town Clerk's budget the sum of Six Thousand Forty Eight Dollars (\$6,048.00) for the purpose of funding the salary of the Administrative Assistant, or take any other action relative thereto?

**EMERGENCY: There is not enough money in the Town Clerk's budget to fund this expenditure.**

##### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting copies at least fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting in each of the six precincts in said Town.

Hereof, fail not, and make return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, on the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America, the Two Hundred Thirty One.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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**Keven D. Pratt, Chairman**

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**Kelli A. O'Brien-McKinnon, Vice-Chairman**

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**Lawrence J. Chaffee, Selectmen**

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**Louis U. Valanzola, Selectmen**

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**Mary A. Parsons, Selectmen**

**RETURN OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that I have this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April 2007, posted this warrant in each of the six precincts in the Town of Rockland.

ATTEST:

CONSTABLE



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
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**ARTICLE #1**

To cast votes in the Annual Town Election for the election of candidates for the following offices:

|                                                   |                                              |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| One Town Moderator for three years                | Two Library Trustees for three years         |
| Two Selectmen for three years                     | One Park Commissioner for three years        |
| One Assessor for three years                      | One Planning Board Member for five years     |
| One Board of Health Member                        | Two School Committee Members for three years |
| One Highway Superintendent for three years        | One Sewer Commissioner for three years       |
| One Housing Authority Commissioner for five years | One Water Commissioner for three years       |

And to vote “yes” or “no” on two questions.

QUESTION 1 – Shall the Town of Rockland be allowed to assess an additional Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in Real Estate and Personal Property taxes for the purpose of replacing and installing a roof at the Rockland Memorial Library, including all associated labor and disposal of materials of said roof and including the costs incidental and related thereto, for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and seven?

QUESTION 2 – Shall the Town of Rockland be allowed to assess an additional Six Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand (\$675,000.00) in Real Estate and Personal Property taxes for the purpose of funding the Town’s operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and seven.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

**ARTICLE #2**

Will the Town vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elective officers of the Town in the amounts indicated in the Department Budgets and make such salaries and compensation effective July 1, 2007, in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41 Section 108, as amended, and to raise and appropriate such sums of money for the ensuing year and that all sums be appropriated for the specific purpose designated; and that the same be expended on for such boards and commissions of the Town as voted, or take any other action relative thereto?

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

### **ARTICLE #3**

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate and or take from available funds as indicated, such sums of money necessary for the ensuing year as detailed in the Departmental Budgets, or take any other action relative thereto?

#### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

##### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

#### **ARTICLE #4**

Will the Town vote to be allowed to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of Six Hundred Seventy Five Thousand (\$675,000.00) for the purpose of funding the Town's operating budget or Line Items contingent on the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ Ballot Question or take any other action relative thereto?

#### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

##### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

#### **ARTICLE #5**

Will the Town vote to re-establish a revolving account in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E 1/2, not to exceed One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00) in FY2008 for fees collected for participation in Youth Commission programs and activities and to be expended by the Youth Commission for expenses related to those programs and activities, or take any other action relative thereto?

#### **YOUTH COMMISSION**

##### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

#### **ARTICLE #6**

Will the Town vote to approve Womansplace Crisis Center request from the Town of Rockland that \$3,500.00 be raised or taken from available funds and appropriated to the Center in fiscal year 2008 in lieu of services provided to the sexual assault survivors and their families and that the Center enter into a contract with the Town for these services or take any action relative thereto?

#### **PETITION**

##### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

#### **ARTICLE #7**

Will the Town vote to re-establish a revolving account in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ not to exceed (\$50,000.00) Fifty Thousand Dollars in FY2008 from fees collected from the Rockland Fire Department permit fees which will be used to upgrade Fire Alarm System and associated expenses to be expended by the Fire Department or take any other action relative thereto?

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

##### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

#### **ARTICLE #8**

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of (\$12,480.00) Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Dollars to purchase a topdresser for our fields?

#### **PARK DEPARTMENT**

##### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

## **ARTICLE #9**

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of (\$26,277.00) Twenty Six Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars to purchase a replacement for our 1996 S10 truck?

### **PARK DEPARTMENT**

#### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

## **ARTICLE #10**

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of (\$13,904.00) Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Four Dollars to replace the fencing around the stadium or take any other action relative thereto?

### **PARK DEPARTMENT**

#### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

## **ARTICLE #11**

To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. Chapter 32, Section 90C to allow the Town to grant an increase on account of superannuation for employees who served the Town for a period of not less than twenty-five years, equal to one-half of the rate of regular compensation payable to employees of the Town holding similar positions as of this date, or take any other action relative thereto?

### **PETITION**

#### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

## **ARTICLE #12**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving account in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to be credited with disposal fees, not to exceed Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in FY08, to be expended by the Board of Health for fees collected to purchase and maintain existing and new equipment for the Beech Street Recycling Center and to pay salaries of personnel or take any other action relative thereto?

### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

#### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

## **ARTICLE #13**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health, which has custody and declared the property surplus, to transfer to the Selectmen, who will offer for sale through sealed bid, the property located at the corner of VFW Drive and Pleasant Street, formerly used as the Town of Rockland sanitary landfill or take any other action relative thereto?

### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

#### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

#### **ARTICLE #14**

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate, or take from available funds, the sum of (\$10,000.00) Ten Thousand Dollars to purchase (1) police motorcycle, including the trading in of (1) motorcycle currently in use as a down payment, or take any other action relative thereto?

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

#### **ARTICLE #15**

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate, or take from available funds the sum of (\$34,000.00) Thirty Four Thousand Dollars to replace existing portable radios, or take any other action relative thereto?

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

#### **ARTICLE #16**

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate, or take from available funds the sum of (\$62,000.00) Sixty Two Thousand Dollars to purchase and equip two (2) police cruisers, or take any other action relative thereto?

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

#### **ARTICLE #17**

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) for the purpose of replacing the Memorial Library Roof, that is beyond repair contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ Capital Exclusion Ballot Question or take any other action relative thereto?

#### **SELECTMEN/LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

#### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

#### **ARTICLE #18**

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) or any lesser sum for the purpose of replacing the Memorial Library roof including costs incidental, and relative thereto, and to raise this appropriation, the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00), under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3A) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore, or take any other action relative thereto?

#### **SELECTMEN/LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

#### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

## **ARTICLE #19**

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for monitoring of the closed Beech Street municipal landfill in accordance with the Department of Environmental Protection requirements or take any other action relative thereto?

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

#### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

## **ARTICLE #20**

Will the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to request a special act of the General Court, in the form set forth below, amending the Town Charter to require the Town to approve a balanced budget prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition:

An Act Relative to the Charter of the Town of Rockland

Section 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the charter of the Town of Rockland, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth as provided in Section 12 of Chapter 43B, is hereby amended by adding Section 6.07; The Town must approve a "Balanced Budget" annually prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>, the start of the new fiscal year. Should the Town not meet this requirement by July 1<sup>st</sup> the new fiscal year operating budget will be based on the previous fiscal year budget until a new "Balanced Budget" is approved.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon passage

Or take any other action relative thereto?

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

#### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

## **ARTICLE #21**

Will the Town Vote to reestablish a revolving account in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) from all passport revenue and for the Town Clerk to fund the partial salary of a passport agent and related supplies and equipment, or take any action relative thereto?

### **TOWN CLERK**

#### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

## **ARTICLE #22**

Will the Town vote to continue the revolving account established in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from passport photo fees collected and for the Town Clerk to replenish supplies needed to maintain this service, or take any action relative thereto?

### **TOWN CLERK**

#### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

### **ARTICLE #23**

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of Nine thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$9,500.00) for the second year of a five year lease/purchase agreement for six voting machines or take any other action relative thereto?

**TOWN CLERK**

**Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

### **ARTICLE #24**

Will the Town vote to raise an appropriate or take from available funds the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to update our town and zoning maps from 1975 to date or take any other action relative thereto?

**TOWN CLERK**

**Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

### **ARTICLE #25**

Will the Town vote to authorize the School Department to continue establishment of a revolving account in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in FY08, for fees collected for School Bus Transportation to be expended by the School Committee or take any other action relative thereto?

**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

### **ARTICLE #26**

Will the Town vote to establish a revolving account in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 77, Section 53E ½, not to exceed One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) in FY 2008 for fees collected for use of the building which will be used to provide utilities, custodial and maintenance services to be expended by McKinley Community Center Building Committee through the Selectmen's Office, or take any other action relative thereto?

**MCKINLEY COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

### **ARTICLE #27**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the current zoning districts of the Town of Rockland by removing references to the R-1 zone as shown on the current Town zoning map for the parcel shown as Lot 16 on the Town Assessor's Map 60 and replacing the same with the reference of B-2 or take any other action relative thereto?

**PETITION**

**Planning Board Recommendation at Town Meeting**

## **ARTICLE #28**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the legislature for special legislation in a form substantially similar to the following or take any other action relative thereto:

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Town of Rockland may establish and maintain a special account known as the School Building Capital Trust Fund and may raise and appropriate money therefore. The fund shall be used solely toward the design, engineering, land purchase, construction and any other costs associated with the construction or rehabilitation of Rockland Public Schools.

**SECTION 2.** The Town of Rockland may appropriate to the School Building Capital Trust Fund by majority vote at an annual or special town meeting in any year an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the amount raised in the preceding year by taxation of real estate and tangible personal property. In addition, the proceeds of all sales of land or buildings by the Rockland Public Schools shall be placed into this School Building Capital Trust Fund. Appropriations under this section shall not increase the aggregate amount of the fund to an amount exceeding 10 percent of the equalized valuation of the Town as defined in section 1 of chapter 44 of the General Laws.

**SECTION 3.** In addition to any amounts appropriated under section 2 of this act, the Town of Rockland may, by a by-law enacted by a 2/3 majority vote at an annual or special town meeting, direct that an amount not exceeding 10 percent of the Town's free cash as certified by the Department of Revenue in any given fiscal year and an amount not exceeding 10 percent of any new growth in tax revenue as certified by the bureau of local assessment in any given fiscal year, be deposited in the School Building Capital Trust Fund.

**SECTION 4.** The Town of Rockland may appropriate by majority vote at any annual or special town meeting and interest within the fund for any capital purchase or principal debt payment for any capital purchase associated with the construction or rehabilitation of Rockland Public Schools. Capital purchase shall mean the purchase of any item with a cost of at least \$50,000 and a life expectancy of 5 or more years.

**SECTION 5.** If the Town department or committee responsible for oversight of a capital purchase determines that the purchase is complete, any remaining balance appropriated for that purchase shall remain in the School Building Capital Trust Fund.

**SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Or take any other action relative thereto?

## **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

## **ARTICLE #29**

Will the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to request a special act of the General Court, in the form set forth below, amending the Town Charter to allow non-registered voters to serve on the Rent Control Board provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is here by authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition:

An Act Relative to the Charter of the Town of Rockland

Section 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Charter of the Town of Rockland, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth as provided in Section 12 of Chapter 43B, is hereby amended by changing Section 2.1, D to read; Elected and appointed town officials must be registered voters in the Town of Rockland, except the two members of the Rent Control Board representing the owners of the mobile home parks, or as otherwise provided by this Charter or the Town By-Laws.



Section 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

Or take any other action relative thereto?

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

## **ARTICLE #30**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-law Article 24.01 Public ways and Common lands by adding the following new section:

### **“Automated Red Light Violations and Civil Penalties” Section X**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Town of Rockland hereby adopts a civil enforcement system for red light camera system violations as outlined in this section. Said system imposes monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with traffic control indications in the Town of Rockland in accordance with the provisions of this Section.
- (2) The Rockland Police Department shall be responsible for administering the Automated Red Light System. Specifically, the Rockland Police Department shall be empowered to install and operate red light camera systems within the Town of Rockland. The Rockland Police Department shall maintain a list of system locations where red light camera systems are installed. The Rockland Police Department will make the determination as to which intersection locations will be utilized.
- (3) Any citation for an automated red light system violation pursuant to this Section known as a **“Notice of Liability”** shall:
  - (a) Be processed by a sworn Police Officer authorized to issue citations for violation of traffic signals.
  - (b) Be forwarded by first-class mail or personal service to the vehicle’s registered owner’s Address as given on the state’s motor vehicle registration, and
  - (c) Clearly state the manner in which the violation may be applied.

### **Definitions. (X.b)**

- (1) “Automated red light system” is the equivalent of “Traffic control signal monitoring device” or “Traffic control photographic system.” Said system/device is an electronic system consisting of a photographic, video or electronic camera and a vehicle sensor installed to work in conjunction with an official traffic controller and to automatically produce photographs, video or digital images of each vehicle violating a standard traffic control.
- (2) It is prima facie evidence that the person registered as the owner of the vehicle with the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (or with any other State vehicle registration office) was operating the vehicle at the time of the offense set out in subsection above.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsection I(2) above, the owner of the vehicle shall not be responsible for the violation if, within twenty-one (21) days from the date listed on the “Notice of Liability,” as set forth in subsection (d)(3) below, he furnishes the Hearing Officer: A law enforcement agency/record bureau stating that the vehicle involved was reported as stolen before the time of the violation.

- (4) An imposition of liability under the Section shall not be deemed a conviction as an operator and shall not be made part of the operating record upon whom such liability is imposed.
- (5) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit the liability of an operator of a vehicle for any violation of subsection I(1) herein.
- (6) This Section shall not apply to violations involving vehicle collisions.

**Penalty; Administrative Appeal. (X.d)**

- (1) Any violation of subsection I(1) herein shall be deemed a non-criminal violation for which a civil penalty of \$100.00 shall be assessed and for which no points authorized by Massachusetts General Laws (“Point system for license suspension”) shall be assigned to the owner or driver of the vehicle, nor shall such imposition of a penalty be subject to a merit rating for insurance purposes and no surcharge points shall be imposed in the provision of a motor vehicle insurance coverage.
- (2) A notice of appeal shall be filed with the Hearing Officer within twenty-one (21) days from the date listed on the “Notice of Liability.” The failure to give notice of appeal or pay the civil penalty within this time period shall constitute a waiver of the right to contest the citation and will be considered an admission. Said failure shall result in an additional penalty of \$50.00, for a total penalty of \$150.00. Appeals shall be heard through an administrative process established by the Town of Rockland Police Department. A decision in favor of the Town of Rockland may be enforced by means of a civil action.
- (3) The Town of Rockland, via its Police Department and Town Counsel may establish procedures for the collection of the civil penalties imposed herein, and may enforce the penalties by a civil action in the nature of a debt. If the penalties set forth in subsection (2) and (3) of section (d), above, remain unpaid for more than 30 (thirty) days after the date on which the ticket was issued, the penalties shall be collected, together with any interest and penalties thereon, by civil suit or other appropriate means of collection.
- (4) Who ever violates any provision of this by law, the violation of which is subject to a specific penalty may be penalized by a non criminal disposition as provided in General Laws, Chapter 40, section 21D.

Or take any other action relative thereto?

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

**ARTICLE #31**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving account in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 Section 53 ½F to be credited with the penalties from Automated Red Light Violations as defined by Article 24.01 Section X of the Town By-Laws, not to exceed Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in FY 08, to be expended by the Rockland Police Department to purchase police vehicles or other operational equipment or take any other action relative thereto?

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

## **ARTICLE #32**

Will the Town amend the definition of “Frontage, Street” in Section II of the Zoning Bylaws to delete the existing language, which states: “The total linear footage of property immediately adjacent to existing streets” and replace it with the following definition: “The total contiguous linear footage of property immediately adjacent to one existing street,” or take any other action relative thereto?

### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

#### **Zoning Board of Appeals Recommendation at Town Meeting**

## **ARTICLE #33**

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of Fifty Two Thousand Thirty-Four Dollars and Forty Cents (\$52,034.40) to pay the sick-time-buy-back for a retiring firefighter in accordance with the Collective Bargaining agreement between the Town of Rockland and the IAFF Local 1602, or take any other action relative thereto?

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

#### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

## **ARTICLE #34**

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Enterprise Fund in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 subsection 53F ½ to be credited with Waste Collection receipts in FY08. Funds to be expended by the Board of Health to pay costs associated with waste collection and disposal recycling services and all other associated costs and expenses; or take any other action relative thereto?

### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

#### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

## **ARTICLE #35**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Rockland as follows:

To amend I-1 Limited Industrial, Uses Requiring Special Permit, by adding: 12. Conversion and/or renovation of industrial building or buildings to multifamily residences, or, to multifamily residences and uses otherwise allowed in the zoning district by right or by special permit. Conversion and/or renovation pursuant to this section shall only be allowed by special permit from the Planning Board.

### **PETITION**

#### **Planning Board Recommendation at Town Meeting**

## **ARTICLE #36**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Rockland as follows:

To amend Section VII.B by adding the following provisions:

6. Provisions relating to conversions and/or renovations of existing factories or other industrial building or buildings in the I-1 zoning district.

- a) It is the intent and purpose of this section to provide a method to rehabilitate, renovate and/or convert old, decaying, under utilized, abandoned or decrepit factories or other industrial buildings with the I-1 zoning district to multifamily residences, or multifamily residences and uses otherwise allowed in the zoning district by right or by special permit.
- b) Conversion, rehabilitation and/or renovation of factories or other industrial building or buildings will be allowed under the Special Permit process pursuant to this section provided that:
  - i. exterior design shall be in harmony with neighborhood and general character of the Town;
  - ii. landscaping will be included in the conversion to enhance conversation;
  - iii. each dwelling unit's floor area will not be less than 650 square feet; and
  - iv. the other applicable provisions of this section are complied with.

Notwithstanding anything contained in Section V (A)(6) of this By-Law to the contrary this Section VII (B)(6) shall control the conversion, rehabilitation and/or renovation of factories or other industrial buildings to residential use or residential and mixed use in the I-1 zoning district.

- c) The Planning Board shall be the special permit granting authority for special permits issued pursuant to Section IV, I-1 Limited Industrial, Uses Requiring Special Permit 12.
- d) The Planning Board shall also have the authority to grant, in connection with such special permit applications authorized hereunder, special permits to grant relief from any other applicable provisions of the By-Laws in the I-1 zoning district, other than off-street parking requirements, including those regulations set forth in Section V of this By-Law, when it finds said requirements unreasonable due to (1) conditions unique to the size or shape of the lot; (2) the location of the building or buildings on the lot; (3) the age, condition or architectural or structural features and/or characteristics of the building or buildings; or (4) the Planning Board finds that such relief will further the intent of this section without derogating from the public good.
- e) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to eliminate the duties of the Design Review Board as set forth in Section XIII of the By-Law. All plans relating to application for special permits pursuant to this section shall be reviewed pursuant to Section XIII.
- f) A building or structure eligible for conversion and/or renovation pursuant to this section shall be not less than 75 years of age as reasonably determined by the Planning Board. The applicant may Provide such evidence of a structure's or building's age as available.
- g) No building or structure renovated and/or converted pursuant to this section shall cause an increase in the total gross floor area of the building or structure; provided, however, that an increase in total gross floor may be allowed to accommodate accessory uses and/or structures for parking, recreational use or other amenities deemed desirable by the Planning Board.
- h) Off-street parking facilities shall be as set forth in Section VI of this By-Law.
- i) Any special permit granted hereunder may, at the request of the applicant, make provisions for the development of a portion of the units as affordable housing for persons of low or moderate income, as defined under the regulations of the Department of Housing and Community Development, and shall meet the requirements for Local Initiative Program ("LIP") units or otherwise quality so as to be included in the computation of the total of affordable housing units in the Town of Rockland under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 40B, secs. 20-23. The affordable units shall be marketed through a housing organization approved by the Planning Board, and shall be subject to restrictions that assure continued affordability in perpetuity. The applicant shall submit copies of proposed deed riders and covenants to impose resale restrictions, conforming to State regulatory requirements for affordable units should the applicant desire to develop a portion of the units as affordable housing.
- j) Permitted Principal Uses allowed by right in the I-1 zoning district under this By-Law shall not be allowed in any multifamily residential unit established under the provisions of this section.

- k) All applications filed under the provisions of this section shall be submitted with a Phase I environmental site assessment prepared in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 21E and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder and a report prepared by a licensed structural engineer which details the structural features and integrity of the buildings to be rehabilitated, renovated and/or converted.

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto?

## **PETITION**

### **Planning Board Recommendation at Town Meeting.**

## **ARTICLE #37**

Will the Town vote to appropriate from the State Sewer Relief Funds the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be expended by the Sewer Commission as part of the Town's ongoing program to identify and remove sources of Inflow and Infiltration as required under the terms of the NPDES Permit issued to the Town by the United States EPA and Massachusetts DEP for take any action relative thereto?

## **SEWER DEPARTMENT**

### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting.**

## **ARTICLE #38**

Will the Town vote to authorize the Sewer Commissioners to take from the Sewer Department Unrestricted Fund Balance the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) to be expended by the Sewer Commission as part of the Town's ongoing program to identify and remove sources of Inflow and Infiltration as required under the terms of the NPDES Permit issued to the Town by the United States EPA and Massachusetts DEP or take any other action relative thereto?

## **SEWER DEPARTMENT**

### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting.**

## **ARTICLE #39**

Will the Town vote to rescind its vote under Article #64 of the 2000 Annual Town meeting which voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow by the amount of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00), or take any other action relative thereto?

## **SEWER DEPARTMENT**

### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting.**

## **ARTICLE #40**

To see if the Town of Rockland will vote to amend the existing Zoning Map of the Town of Rockland as follows:

By removing portions of the following lot from an Industrial District and establishing the same as a Residential District, making the entire lot within the Residential District:

The land situated in Rockland, in the County of Plymouth and being shown as Lot 1 on a "Plan of Land in Rockland, Mass. Land owned by Evelyn F. Shaw dated April 4, 1964, C.L. Baxter Hanover, Mass. Reg.

Surveyor”, duly recorded with Plymouth Deeds (the “Property”); the Property then being conveyed to David N. Bailey on November 8, 1968 as recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds at Book 3483, Page 463; the Property then being conveyed by Trust to Kimberly Bailey Rizy as Trustee under the Will of David N. Bailey (Norfolk Probate and Family Court Division of the Massachusetts Trial Court, Docket No. 04P0639-FE1 and District Court of the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Wyoming and for Crook County, Probate Docket No. 5250); the Property being further delineated by the Town of Rockland as Lot 61 on Map 18 and located at the Rear of 1059 Union Street, Rockland, Massachusetts and more particularly described as follows:

|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| N. 21 45’ 47” W | by Lots 1 and 2 shown on said plan 152,885 feet to a drill hole set in a stone wall and land formerly of Henry L. Shortall, thence turning and running;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| N. 67 07’ 15” E | by said stone wall and land formerly of Shortall, 437.45 feet to another drill hole in the wall, thence turning and running;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| NORTHWESTERLY   | again by another stone wall and land formerly of Shortall to a corner of two stone walls and land of Lorenzo A. Medico et ux, thence turning and running;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| EASTERLY        | by said other wall, by land of Medico et ux to a Land Court disk set in a stone wall at the northwesterly corner of land of Henry A. Bourque et ali, Trustees as shown on a “Plan of Land in Rockland, Mass., Prepared for Plymouth Eastern Development Company” dated July 15, 1968 by Perkins Engineering Associates and recorded with a deed from Lincoln A. Shaw et ex to Borque et ali, Trustees dated August 2, 1968, thence running; |
| S. 24 20’ 55” W | by said land of Borque et ali Trustees as shown on said plan 328.29 feet to land of Robert J. Williams et ux, thence turning and running;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| WESTERLY        | by land of said Williams et ux and land now or formerly of Stanley W. Feener, Lavina Avenue and lands of Lillie A. Dorgen and William W. Monafio to a drill hole in the stone wall at the point of beginning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

The present street address of the premises is 1059 (Rear) Union Street, Rockland, Massachusetts 02370, or take any other action relative thereto?

## **PETITION**

### **Planning Board Recommendation at Town Meeting**

#### **ARTICLE #41**

To see if the Town of Rockland will vote to amend the existing Zoning Map of the Town of Rockland as follows:

By removing portions of the following lot from an Industrial District and establishing the same as a Residential District, making the entire lot within the Residential District:

The land situated in Rockland, in the County of Plymouth and being shown as Lot B on a plan of land on Union Street, Rockland, Massachusetts, dated October 23, 1968, by Loring M. Jacobs, Registered Land Surveyor of Norwell, Massachusetts recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 14, Page 1104 (the “Property”); the Property then being conveyed to David N. Bailey on November 5, 1968 as recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds at Book 3482, Page 160; the Property then being conveyed by Trust to Kimberly Bailey Rizy as Trustee under the Will of David N. Bailey (Norfolk Probate and Family Court Division of the Massachusetts Trial Court, Docket No. 04P0639-FE1 and District Court of the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Wyoming in and for Crook County, Probate Docket No. 5250); the Property being

further delineated by the Town of Rockland as Lot 60 on Map 18 and known as 1119 Union Street, Rockland, Massachusetts, or take any other action relative thereto?

## **PETITION**

### **Planning Board Recommendation at Town Meeting**

#### **ARTICLE #42**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at a private sale that parcel of land on the easterly side of Abington Street, formerly a portion of Weymouth Street, which was created by the relocation of Weymouth Street by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Decree #4868, and being that parcel of land lying between the relocated layout of Abington Street and Parcel 1 Map 3 on the Rockland Assessor Maps, all in accordance with M.G.L. Ch 30B, or take any other action relative thereto?

## **PETITION**

### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

#### **ARTICLE #43**

Will the Town vote to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 60 section 3C to design and designate a place on its municipal tax bills or the motor vehicle excise tax bills, or to mail with such bills a separate form, whereby the taxpayers of said city or town can voluntarily check off, donate and pledge an amount not less than one dollar or such other designated amount which shall increase the amount otherwise due, and to establish a city or town scholarship fund, the purpose of which shall be to provide educational financial aid to deserving city and town residents in accordance with this section and to establish a city or town educational fund, the purpose of which shall be to provide supplemental educational funding for local educational needs or to provide funding to existing adult literacy programs.

Any amounts donated to the scholarship fund or educational fund shall be deposited into a special account in the general treasury and shall be in the custody of the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall invest said funds at the direction of the officer, Board, Commission, Committee or other agency of the city or town who which is otherwise authorized and required to invest trust funds of the city or town and subject to the same limitations applicable to trust fund investments, except as otherwise specified herein. Interest earned upon such fund shall remain there with and shall be used for the purpose of said fund without further appropriation.

There shall be a scholarship committee and educational fund committee to consist of the superintendent of the city or town schools or designee thereof, and no fewer than four residents of the city or town appointed by the Board of Selectmen to a term of three years. The scholarship committee or educational fund committee shall select the recipients of and amounts of financial aid from the scholarship fund and education fund and shall be guided by any criteria established by the scholarship committee or educational fund committee subject to any ordinance or by-law and further subject to Massachusetts General Law chapter 60 section 3C or take any other action relative thereto?

## **TOWN COLLECTOR**

### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting.**

#### **ARTICLE #44**

Will the Town vote to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 60 section 3D to design and designate a place on its municipal tax bills or the motor vehicle excise tax bills, or to mail with such bills a separate form, whereby the taxpayers of said city or town can voluntarily check off, donate and pledge an amount not less than one dollar or such other designated amount which shall increase the amount otherwise due, and to establish a city or town aid to the elderly and disabled taxation fund for the purpose of defraying the real estate taxes of elderly and disabled persons of low income.

Any amounts donated to the said fund shall be deposited into a special account in the general treasury and shall be in the custody of the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall invest said funds at the direction of the officer, Board, Commission, Committee or other agency of the city or town who which is otherwise authorized and required to invest trust funds of the city or town and subject to the same limitations applicable to trust fund investments, except as otherwise specified herein. Interest earned upon such fund shall remain there with and shall be used for the purpose of said fund without further appropriation.

There shall be a taxation aid committee to consist of the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, the city or town Treasurer and three residents of the city or town appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Said board shall adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section and to identify the recipients of such aid or take any other action relative thereto?

## **TOWN COLLECTOR**

### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting.**

#### **ARTICLE #45**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the current zoning districts of the Town of Rockland by removing references to the R-2 zone as shown on the current Town zoning map for the parcel shown as Lot 3 on the Town Assessor's Map 55 & 60 and replacing the same with the reference of all of B-2 or take any other action relative thereto?

## **PETITION**

### **Planning Board Recommendation at Town Meeting**

#### **ARTICLE #46**

To see if the Town of Rockland will vote to acquire for conservation and recreation purposes, by negotiated purchase or otherwise, a Conservation Restriction over a certain property located on Plain Street, known as the Rockland Golf Course, consisting of 74.30 acres in Rockland, more or less, shown as Map 50 Lot 005 on the Rockland Assessors Maps. Said Conservation Restriction is to be conveyed to the Town of Rockland under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, as it may hereafter be amended and other Massachusetts statutes relating to Conservation, to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission of the Town of Rockland. The Rockland Conservation Commission shall also be authorized to file on behalf of the Town of Rockland any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and /or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the United States under the Self-Help Act (Chapter 132A, Section 11) and/or any other state or federal programs including those in aid of conservation land acquisition and to receive and accept such grants and reimbursements, including grants from private parties, for this purpose and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article; and the Conservation Commission in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to transfer the amount of any financial contributions received by the Town of Rockland designated for the purchase of the Rockland Golf Course Conservation Restriction to the Trust for Public Land; and the Conservation Commission in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to enter into all agreements, and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of The Town of Rockland to affect said purchase or action in relation thereto?

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**



## **ARTICLE #47**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars (\$375,574.00) to fund the cost of maintaining the current level of manning for the for the Rockland Fire Department at seven (7) fire fighters per shift or take any other action relative thereto?

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

#### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

## **ARTICLE #48**

Will the Town vote to appropriate from taxation, transfer or from available funds a sum of money to the stabilization fund, or to act in any manner relative thereto?

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

#### **Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting**

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting copies at least seven (7) days prior to said meeting in each of the six precincts in said Town.

Hereof, fail not, and make return of this Warrant, with your dings thereon, on the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Seven and of the Independence of the United Sates of America, the Two Hundred Thirty One.

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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**Keven D. Pratt, Chairman**

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**Kelli A. O'Brien-McKinnon, Vice-Chairman**

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**Lawrence J. Chaffee, Selectmen**

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**Louis U. Valanzola, Selectmen**

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**Mary A. Parsons, Selectmen**

## **RETURN OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that I have this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April 2007, posted this warrant in each of the six precincts in the Town of Rockland.

ATTEST:

CONSTABLE

